



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Governor

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Dear Pre-K Provider,

As you may already be aware, the Governor has announced budget reductions for the FY 2010 fiscal year including three (3) mandatory furlough days for all teachers. Bright from the Start's funding for Georgia's Pre-K program will be reduced as a result. The three (3) furlough days include both private and public Pre-K Lead and Assistant teachers. We will be reducing your monthly payment so that the calculated reduction will be taken in equal amounts over the first five payments of the year (August – December). The following chart reflects the annual amount of the reduction.

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE 7/23/09

Credential	Furlough Cost Per Teacher	Revised annual amount w/ 3 furlough days	Revised 90% amount
Certified Teacher Public	\$175.92 per day	\$32,896.25	\$29,606.63
Certified Teacher Private	\$175.92 per day	\$32,896.25	\$29,606.63
Four-Year Degree	\$127.64 per day	\$23,869.32	\$21,482.39
Two-Year Degree	\$105.34 per day	\$19,698.46	\$17,728.62
Teacher Assistant	\$70.23 per day	\$13,132.30	\$11,819.07

Bright from the Start will not prescribe how you accomplish your furlough reduction. We know you will make a decision that will have the least amount of impact on the children participating in your program. The Governor suggested utilizing pre/post-planning days as furlough days. We support his suggestion. After you determine how best to achieve this reduction at your location, please share your plan with your Pre-K Consultant.

Please do not hesitate to call the BFTS office at 404-656-5957 or your Pre-K Consultant for questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Mazarky".

Mary Mazarky
Assistant Commissioner for Pre-K

We are planting trees under whose shade we will never sit.
- adapted from a Greek Proverb